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SUBJ: SADAT STATEMENT ON SECRET AGREEMENTS-KUWAIT

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1. EMBASSY HAS NOW OBTAINED PRECISE TEXT OF EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT  
SADAT'S REMARKS CONCERNING ALLEGED US/EGYPTIAN SECRET AGREEMENTS  
MADE DURING PRESS CONFERENCE PRIOR DEPARTURE KUWAIT FEBRUARY 29.  
TEXT (EMBASSY TRANSLATION) QUESTION AND ANSWER FOLLOWS:

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Q. OBSERVERS TALK ABOUT A FORTHCOMING WAR IN MAY. WHAT WOULD

BE THE FATE OF THE SINAI AGREEMENT IN CASE WAR BREAKS OUT  
BETWEEN SOME ARAB COUNTRIES AND ISRAEL?

A. AS FOR THE WAR WHICH WILL BREAK OUT NEXT MAY...THIS IS A MATTER  
THAT CONCERNS THOSE WHO REPEAT IT. FIRST, I WANT TO SAY THE  
FOLLOWING: DESPITE THE BUFFOONERY THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE SINCE  
DECEMBER 1973, EGYPT IS STILL IN THE BATTLE---AND HAS NOT GOT  
OUT OF IT. THEY SAY THAT EGYPT MADE THREE SECRET AGREEMENTS.  
YES, EGYPT DID MAKE THREE SECRET AGREEMENTS. MY VICE PRESIDENT  
CAME TO YOU HERE. I SENT HIM TO YOU AND TO SYRIA AND TO ALL  
OTHER COUNTRIES AND SHOWED THE SECRET AGREEMENTS TO YOU. THE  
FIRST: AMERICA GUARANTEES THAT ISRAEL WILL NOT "AGGRESS"  
AGAINST SYRIA. THE SECOND: AMERICA UNDERTAKES TO ACHIEVE A  
DISENGAGEMENT SIMILAR TO THE FIRST DISENGAGEMENT IN THE SYRIAN  
FRONT AFTER THE SECOND DISENGAGEMENT ON THE EGYPTIAN FRONT.  
THE THIRD: AMERICA UNDERTAKES TO DO ALL IN ITS POWER TO LET  
THE PALESTINIANS PARTICIPATE IN ANY SETTLEMENT. THESE ARE  
THE THREE SECRET PLEDGES WHICH I ACCEPTED AND DID NOT ANNOUNCE.  
I COULD HAVE MADE A HERO OF MYSELF AS THEY DO. I COULD HAVE  
SAID THESE ARE THE SECRET PLEDGES. HOWEVER, WE WANT TO RESPECT  
OUR "MINDS" AND THE "MINDS" OF OTHERS AND KEEP THESE MATTERS  
SECRET--AS WE ARE SUPPOSED TO DO AND CARRY OUT THIS THING.  
AND NOW TIME HAS COME TO ANNOUNCE THEM TO YOU. AS FOR WAR,  
IT IS ONE OF TWO ALTERNATIVES. I HAVE, AS I TOLD YOU, AN AMERICAN  
PLEDGE TO PREVENT ISRAEL FROM AGGRESSION AGAINST SYRIA. BUT,  
IF SYRIA WANTS TO EMBARRASS US AS IT DID IN THE WAR OF ATTRITION  
THAT TOOK PLACE IN "1974"? (WHAT WAS THE RESULT OF THAT WAR OF  
ATTRITION? IT WAS THE FRONT LINE, PLUS QUENEITRA, WHICH IS THE  
LINE I BROUGHT TO PRESIDENT ASAD. THERE WAS NO NEED FOR THE  
WAR OF ATTRITION.) IF THE MATTER IS ONE OF BARGAINING IN WHICH  
WE INSERT THE DESTINY OF OUR PEOPLE--IN BIDS AND IN AN ATTEMPT  
TO CREATE HEROISM--WE HAVE SOMETHING ELSE TO SAY. BUT, IF ISRAEL  
MAKES AGGRESSION EGYPT HAS A COMMITMENT WHICH IT HAS TO CARRY OUT  
BECAUSE THAT WILL BE A VIOLATION OF THE AMERICAN PLEDGE AND,  
CONSEQUENTLY, TO THE WHOLE OF THE AGREEMENT. THIS IS IF ISRAEL  
MAKES AGGRESSION. HOWEVER, IF THE MATTER IS ONE OF IMAGINARY  
HEROISM--DON QUIXOTE HEROISM WHICH WE NOW HEAR ABOUT--LET THE  
HEROS BEAR ITS RESPONSIBILITY. WHAT DID THEY ACHIEVE IN THE  
WAR OF ATTRITION.. IN "1974"? (AFTER WHICH THZY ARRIVED AT  
DISENGAGEMENT--AGREEMENT IN WHICH THEY TOOK WHAT I HAD SAID  
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SIX MONTHS EARLIER TO PRESIDENT ASAD IN FRONT OF BOUMEDIENNE...  
HE IS A WITNESS.) THEY LOST FOUR POSITIONS ON MT. HERMON AS  
AS RESULT OF THE WAR OF ATTRITION--WHICH WE RETURNED TO THEM  
ALSO THROUGH THE FIRST DISENGAGEMENT ACCORD. EGYPT IS STILL  
BOUND BY ITS NATIONAL COMMITMENT, BUT WITHOUT NOISE AND  
WITHOUT TRUMPETING, AND BUFFOONERY, AND EMBARRASSMENT. WE PLACE  
BEFORE EACH HIS RESPONSIBILITY. UNQUOTE.  
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